available and, where they are considered necessary, they can purchase them if they are not available in the medical institutions concerned and refund will be given.''

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—'' Sir, will the Government be pleased to give us a rough idea or rough estimate of the financial effect of this concession? ''

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' Sir, a separate question may be asked.''

Repairs to the sluice in Thachampattu tank in Gingee taluk.

* 287 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the sluice in Thachampattu tank in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district is leaky; and if so, what steps the Government have taken to repair it?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Yes, Sir. The sluice is leaky. An estimate of Rs. 600 has been sanctioned for repairing the sluice, revetment and bund. Earth work to bund has been completed and repairs to sluice and revetment will be completed soon.''

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' இந்த மதகு எவ்வளவு நாளாக ஒட்டையாக இருக்கிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரிஅவர்கள் சொல்லுவாரா ? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' The hon. Member knows it much better.''

Opening of a sub-treasury at Quilandi.

* 288 *Q.*—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP (on behalf of Sri P. Kunhirama Kidav) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to open a sub-treasury at Quilandi in Kurumbranad taluk?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.''

Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—'' Sir, in view of the fact that Quilandi is the headquarters of Kurumbranad sub-taluk, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of opening a sub-treasury there? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Yes, Sir. If the cash transactions warrant it, the Government will consider the question.''

Single teacher schools.

* 289 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of single teacher schools in 1952–53 in Madras State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' 1,806, Sir.''

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" ஒரு ஆசிரியர் இருக்கக்கூடிய பள்ளிக்கூடத்திற்கு மாணவர்கள் ஏன் பெருக வில்லை ? அரசாங்கம் அம்மாதிரியான பள்ளிகளில் மாணவர்களைச் சேர்ப்பதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வில்லையா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the question of further recruitment is under the active consideration of Government. Out of about 2,000 schools, 1,806 are single-teacher schools. We have got to open some more schools and I am afraid that next year there may be some more single-teacher schools."

K. DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, how many students do these teachers handle on an average and for how many hours do they teach? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member knows that under the modified scheme the schools work for three hours in the morning and for three hours in the evening. The total number fixed for each teacher is about 30 and it is under the active consideration whether this number should be increased in view of the modified scheme."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, may I know how many classes these single-teachers have got to take per day? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, they have got to take five classes and that is one of the reasons why the modified scheme is said to be more beneficial to the students."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" ஒரு உபாத்தியாயர் 30 பிள்ளைகளுக்கு சொல்லிக் கொடுப்பதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஒரு உபாத்தியாயருக்கு 5 வகுப்புகள் இருந்தால் சாதாரணமாக 100 பிள்ளைகளுக்கு சொல்லிக்கொடுக்க வேண்டிவருகிறது. ஆகையால் அதிகப்படியான உபாத்தியாயர்கள் நியமிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the strength warrants it, certainly the number of teachers will be increased."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" ஒரு உபாத்தியாயர் இருக்கக்கூடிய பள்ளிகளில் எத்தனை வகுப்புகள் இருக்கின்றன ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already answered it."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, I would like to know whether there are different classes in these single-teacher schools and, if so, how these teachers manage to teach the different classes? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is surprising the hon. Member's attention was not directed to this scandal so long and it is that scandalous situation that the modified scheme tries to remove."

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11-50 a.m. SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether it is a fact that teachers employed even in single-teacher aided elementary schools are not paid if the average attendance falls which fact is beyond the control of teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid the supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question. The main question relates to the number of single-teacher schools in Madras State for which I have given the answer. The supplementary question does not arise out of the main question."

Promotion of officers in the Prohibition department.

* 290 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri S. Radhakrishnan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers promoted temporarily to the gazetted rank in the Prohibition department on the eve of the formation of the Andhra State;

(*b*) whether selection was done as per seniority; and

(*c*) the reasons for making the promotions only temporarily?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :— " (*a*) Nil, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Opening of a dispensary in the Cannanore Municipal area.

* 291 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any request from the Cannanore Municipal Council for sanctioning staff required for opening a dispensary within the municipality; and

(*b*) when the communication from the municipal council was first received and if so, what order has been passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The communication from the Municipal Council, Cannanore was received by Government in the middle of October 1953 and orders were issued on 1st December 1953 approving the proposal of the municipal council to open a dispensary of modern medicine and sanctioning the employment of the staff of one assistant surgeon, one compounder, two nursing orderlies and one water-man-*cum*-sweeper as asked for by the Municipal Council."